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Selected Poetry.

The Boys.

There come the boys! O dear! the noise.

The whole house feels the racket;

Behold the knee of Harry's pants,

And weep over Bertie's jacket!

But never mind, if eyes keep bright,

And limbs grow straight and limber;

We'll rather lose the time's whole bark

Than sit and sound the timber!

Now hear the tops and marbles roll!

The floor—O how we battle them!

And I must watch the handkerchief,

For I know the boys who ride them!

Look well as you descend the stairs,

For often they are heard to sneeze;

By ghostly toys that make no noise

Just when their noise is wanted.

The very chairs are tied in pairs,

And made to dance and caper;

What words are whistled out of alecks!

And what have been made of paper!

Then dinner-bell peals loud and well,

To tell the milk-maids coming;

And then the rush of "steam-cartrains"

Set all our ears a-tinkling.

Here I say, "What shall I do

To keep those children quiet?"

If I could find a good receipt,

I'd certainly sound them!

But what to do with these wild boys,

And all their din and clatter,

Is really quite a grave affair—

No laughing, trifling, or jesting!

"Boys will be boys"—but not for long;

All thought we hear about us

This thought—how very soon our boys

Will learn to do without us!

How soon that tall and deep-eyed man

Will gravely call us "Mother!"

Or we are stretching empty hands

From this world to the other!

More gently we should chide the noise,

And when night comes the racket,

Stitch in but loving thought and prayers

While mending pants and jacket!

Miscellaneous Reading.

Death at a Christmas Festival.

FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.

On Christmas night, 1872, a

large assemblage of persons,

repaired to the Baptist church at

Newberry, Lycoming county, Pa.,

to take part in the joy of the occasion,

a large Christmas-tree having

been prepared for the children.

The upper room was densely packed,

and the gifts were being distributed,

when suddenly, without a moment's

notice, the floor settled a little.

There was the silence of death—

a peculiar tremor—a quivering

of the timbers—a fearful crash,

and the next moment the entire as-

sembly were forced toward the cen-

ter of the building, in a funnel or

hopper shape, and precipitated to

the basement-floor. To add to the

calamity, the ceiling now fell upon

the struggling mass, extinguishing

the lights, and the cries and groans

of the injured and dying were

heard to the distance of a mile.

To add further to the fearfulness

of the scene, the building took fire

in several places, but it was hap-

pily extinguished. The scene was

most fearful. Twelve persons were

killed outright, and about fifty in-

jured.

About two hundred and fifty

persons were present. It is a mar-

ked and special providence that the

list of killed and wounded is not

larger, when we consider the num-

ber that were buried beneath that

living mass, and received the crush-

ing weight of timbers and people.

We enclose you a few incidents

connected with the disaster, worthy

the second-story windows, on the

south side of the building, was a

little lad named "Johnny," appar-

ently about six years old. He came

clambering up, amid many difficul-

ties, and at length reached the

winow-sill. Scarcely had the lad's

head peered above the sill, until a

voice at our side sung out, "Jump,

Jonny, jump." It was the father,

and the voice was recognized at

once, but the boy hesitated. He

was assured that a father's arms

were ready to "catch him," and to

"jump at once." A friend cried

out, "Hold on, don't jump here is a

ladder," and within a few moments

it was placed within his reach, and

the boy came down in safety.

The father, with tears of joy,

clasped his little one to his arms,

and was soon on his way home.

How the lad reached the window,

and maintained his coolness and dis-

cretion was a wonder to more than

one who saw or heard the incident.

THE COMFORT OF PRAYER.

At one of the residences was ly-

ing the body of a lovely young

woman. The mother and sister weep-

ing, the father having just left the

house, seeking help. A Christian

man enters the room; his heart is

in union, in full sympathy with the